

Application Number **09/638,447**
Amendment dated **31 August 2004**
Reply to Office Action of **2 July 2004**

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1, 7 and 44-55 are allowed. To expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have cancelled the rejected and withdrawn claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a future divisional or continuation application.


In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the same. If, however, some issue remains that the Examiner feels can be addressed by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

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